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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Thomas G. Mason et al.

) Before the Examiner  
) Not Assigned  
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Continuation Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of U.S.  
09/818,435 filed March 27, 2001

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) Confirmation Number:  
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For: DISAGGREGATION OF  
ASPHALTENES IN INCOMPATIBLE  
PETROLEUM OIL MIXTURES

) Group Art Unit:  
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) Family Number: P2001J013-US2

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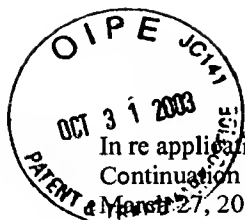
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-referenced Continuation Application upon the filing thereof as set forth below. The parent application is under final rejection and a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 10, 2003. However, a Continuation application is being filed with amended claim instead.



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Transmittal herewith is an amendment/response in the above-identified application.

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